I'm still Breathing

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Summary: I've been here, my whole life. Sixteen whole years. I want to leave, but Rey says as long as she lives, we'll never get out of here. She says they'll come back anytime now, but I knew ever since the time I could talk; they never will. She keeps telling me to never give up hope; I already have.

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"Rache, come on wake up." I heard a voice say.

I sat up for my eyes to make out my surroundings. I was still at my home, if you could even call it that. It was just an old, abandoned ship of some kind. Rae old me when I was younger it was an AT-AT, whatever that is.

"Go away, I want to sleep." I lied back down and closed my eyes.

That`s me, Rachel. I was never really a morning person as you can see. I have long, hair; a lot of people use to say it was raven black. I don`t know what that is, but how people described it, it sounds like some kind of animal. My eyes are browner than chocolate; well, that`s what my sister says.

"I won`t get you anything for your birthday then."

That`s my older sister Rae. But I guess you can just call her my mother since she acts like one all the time. I was just a baby when it happened, our parents dropped us here, Jakuu, and never came back. Rae was only four when it happened, so she didn't exactly have a lot of time to play since she had to take care of me and herself.

"Yeah I stopped falling for that when I was eleven."

"I mean it,"

"Ok, I`m still sleeping, so I guess this will be my present."

She paused and sighed "You can help me scavenge the old vessel we saw on Sandy." That was a large hill that I called Sandy for fun.

I sat right up "You mean it?!"

She smiled and nodded.

I got right out of bed and put my clothes on while Rae readied the speeder.

"Come on Rachel!" I heard her.

"I`m coming!" I shouted back at her.

I left my room and ran out to the speeder.

"Can I drive?" I asked eagerly.

"No, you don`t know how."

"Do to."

"When you`re older."

"That`s what you told me when I was eight, now I`m sixteen."

"Alright, when you`re eighteen."

I rolled my eyes and walked to the speeder and tried to pull myself up. I may be sixteen, but I`m not really tall.

She chuckled "Need any help?"

"I`m not a kid, I can get up."

She walked to me and helped me up; she then got on behind me and we sat off for Sandy.

10 minutes later

We made it to Sandy and both got off.

We both walked to Sandy. I was about to climb but Rae dragged me down and handed me a small shovel.

"Start digging." She said.

"Lier," I thought.

She _always _made me dig even though she knew it would rarely ever happen I would at least find a small piece of droid or anything else.

"I should have known." I said.

"I thought you would."

"Oh come on Rae, I can go with you! I can do it you know, we`d find more."

"I`m not taking a chance." She said taking out her goggles, canteen, and satchel from the speeder.

I went over to her and took out my knife and the other canteen.

"You can`t have me digging out here forever."

"I know,"

"Then let`s go."

"When you`re-."

"Older; I know, I know." I said whining a bit.

"No, I was going to say when you`re ready, and older."

I tried not to show my smile.

She looked down for a second "Ok fine, next time you can come with me."

I shrugged "Ok,"

She put a hand on my shoulder "Thanks, Rache."

"Anytime Rae Rae."

"Don`t call me that anymore please,"

"Ok, I guess I`ll call you princess?"

She smiled and rolled her eyes and climbed Sandy as I was digging.

Hours Later

So far I, unbelievably, found a few things. Rocks, more rocks, a small floodlight, something that looked like a small pendant, and surprisingly a droid head!

I was tired after digging and decided to braid a little bit of my hair.

I looked on top of Sandy and saw Rae taking a drink from her canteen. I could tell hers was empty while I drank half of mine.

She took a piece of the debris and slid down.

She came to me as I got up and both put our discoveries in the sack.

I got up on my own this time and waited for her.

Sometime later

We made it back to town and unlatched the sack, which fell down.

The both of us haul the sack to town.

We both went to a small tent and cleaned off our day`s salvage. This was about the only place in town to go since it`s the only tent that uses clean water for washing. I soaked the droid and ship parts first and tried my best to make them look more then they were worth. I then cleaned off the pendent I found. When I cleaned it up, there was a dark blue gem in the middle!

In my glee, I looked up to tell Rae that we struck rich, when I saw a little girl maybe ten at the most, cleaning off multiple droid and ship parts; her hands were red with soreness. I stared at her while she worked hard, not knowing that I was looking at her.

I heard something shout gibberish in my ear; I think they were telling me to hurry up and not look at the little girl.

Rae shouted something at him in my defense. He spat at the ground and stormed away.

"Thanks," I told her.

"You shouldn't be wasting time; everyone needs a turn cleaning something."

I nodded.

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We headed over to Unkar Plutt, a shopkeeper who we didn't really like, but Rae said we owe him since she said he taught her to take care of herself.

"What you both brought me today are worth, hmm, two and a half quarter portions."

"But the gem in the middle-." I began to protest.

"-is fake. I gave you another portion because of the parts, not the necklace."

"But-,"

"Rachel," Rae said. I backed down.

"Thank you," She told him. Of course he didn't say anything and just slapped the food on the counter. We took them and went back outside to the speeder.

Minutes later

We made it back to home and went inside.

The first thing Rae did was scratch another line in the wall; another mark, another day, she used to say. While I went back to sewing another doll, we had one that looked like an old rebel fighter I made when I was about ten maybe, but we decide to keep that one and sell the others I made.

Before I could sew another thread, Rae called me into the kitchen and help make dinner.

I headed in the kitchen and opened the powder, moved it to the makeshift Wok, where the green meat sizzles; as Rae pours the powders into milky water in a tin and stirs it. As she puts the meat on an old plate, they both grow into loaves. We both take one and went outside.

We sit down and eat like starving children. Every last drop, Rae licked her plate clean. The half portion Unkar gave was just a single tatoe. Of course since I was younger, Rae gave it to me. I looked at her as she looked out at the horizon. I took the tatoe off my plate and gave it to her. She pushed my hand gently and shook her head. I beckoned her to. She gave up, took it, and smiled at me before she ate it. She picks up an old, broken Rebellion helmet we used to play with and gave it to me. I put it on and looked through the glass, everything was grey.

I and Rae then suddenly hear a squeal that sounded like it came from a droid! I took off the helmet and started to get up to check it out, but Rae stopped me and went with her staff to find the noise.

I decided to follow her as I took my knife out and climbed over the dune.

When I got to the top, I saw a droid caught in a net by Teedo! The droid struggled to free himself while making short but loud beeps to Teedo to let him go.

"Tal'ama parqual!" Rae shouted at him.

Teedo and the droid stared at her. But soon enough, Teedo ignored her and again tried to move the droid.

Rae was furious and ran down the hill, I followed.

"Parqual zatana!" She shouted.

Teedo shouted something at her, threatening her likely. I could only make out a little of what he was saying since I wasn't really good at speaking other languages.

Rae took my knife from me and started cutting the ropes of the net to free the droid. This obviously made Teedo furious; he took a metal rod from his bag he carried and aimed at Rae.

"Noma!" I shouted the only word I knew how to pronounce.

He puts away the rod when Rae looked up then yelled at me; I knew what he said, I won`t say it but you probably have an idea what he shouted at me.

The droid spurted beeps at Teedo leaving.

Rae and I shushed him. He quieted, and then asked something.

"That`s just Teedo, he wanted you for parts. He has no respect for no one." Rae told him.

"Your antenna`s bent." She told him as she kneeled down, took it off, and straightened it.

"Where do you come from?" Rae asked.

He responded.

"Classified, really? Us too, big secret." Rae said.

When she was done, she got up pointed to the horizon.

"Niima Outpost is that way, stay off Kelvin Ridge. Keep away from the Sinking Fields in the north, you'll drown in the sand."

She started walking off back to home as I stayed next to the droid, but he began to follow her.

She turned around "Don`t follow me, town is _that _way." She pointed towards town.

He beeped a question.

"No!" She said, still walking away.

"Can we keep him, please?" I asked a bit eagerly.

"No!" She said again.

"Oh come on, he can help us scavenge!" I said.

"You said that about a ball of yarn once, Rachel."

"Well, I mean it this time; besides, I was like six when I said that.

"Nine." She said.

"Please Rae, I didn't even get that monkey thing when I was younger."

"You tried to steal it from the Hutts and they nearly made you a slave for it."

"Ok maybe, but come on trust me!"

"No, now come on!"

I rolled my eyes and followed her.

But, we heard a small beep coming from the droid. Rae turned around and took slight pity on him. Though she didn't like him, she gestured for him to follow her.

"Come on," I said cheerfully.

He followed as I ran to catch up with Rae.

"In the morning you go," Rae said sternly.

He beeped thanks.

"You`re welcome."

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"Alright, time for bed." Rae told me.

I got into my bed and pulled the covers over me.

"Tell me a story," I begged.

She chuckled "I haven't told you one in three years."

"Well, I feel like one."

She sighed "Alright, which one?"

"How there`s an R and a L on the wall." I stared at the letters on the wall on her side.

"It`s not really a story but ok."

I listened.

"Alright, I had a small crush on a boy that came here when you were just a baby."

"Oooooo, what was his name?" I asked.

She stared off into space, it looked like she was trying to remember.

"Leo," She said.

I smiled.

"So, I decided to just put the first letter of our names on the wall. The End."

"That`s it?"

"What, you want me to tell you I went on an adventure for true love? Want a different story?" She teased.

I giggled "No, I`m too tired."

"Alright, well goodnight." She said and turned off the light.

Hi everyone! So, I decided to do **_The Force Awakens **_**next, while possibly doing **_**Try Me **_**at the same time. I hoped I didn't make Rachel to similar to Rae and Cerise, and that the intro was too long, I feel like it was. Anyway, I`ll probably update on weekends as usual; but be prepared at the end of May since I`ll be out of school! Woohoo! **

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